



March 28, 2023

Dear Santa Barbara Rotary Charitable Foundation Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to submit a formal application to the Santa Barbara Rotary Charitable Foundation. We are grateful for the support you provide to our community. We are requesting a grant of \$5,000 to support the work we do at the YMCA in the area of youth homelessness and crisis.

We are requesting these funds to target our 3 core programs, and to assist with our new Haley Street Navigation Center that was opened this January! We are having a lot of initial success and secured funding for the opening, but are still trying to find the operating support we need to maintain services into the next fiscal year. We are requesting your support because your local funding priorities directly align with our service to youth in Santa Barbara.

Your grant would go directly to support programs for youth ages 12-24. The youth served in these programs are predominantly from low-income families, foster care, or have/currently are experiencing abuse or homelessness.

- **Noah's Anchorage Youth Crisis Shelter** is the only licensed Youth Homelessness Prevention Center for youth ages 12-18 in the County. Residential services and the crisis hotline operate 24 hrs/day, 365 days a year. Youth receive immediate shelter, crisis intervention, assessment, counseling, and care coordination.
- **Haley Street Navigations Center** is the only day center program where transitional age youth who are 17-24 who are on the streets who have runaway, been thrown out of their homes, or are at risk of homelessness to offer basic needs services (i.e. shower, laundry, food), counseling, case management, and referral.
- **My Home Transitional Age Living Program** provides intensive case management for youth ages 17-24 focused on obtaining housing through support with rental assistance and working with local landlords. Once housed the team works with youth on sustaining housing, life-skills, employment and educational goals.

All of our programs are low-barrier points of entry for youth in need and are free of cost. Your grant will help us sustain services for under-served and at-risk youth in our community. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out and contact us at (805) 569-1103 or at [margo.byrne@ciymca.org](mailto:margo.byrne@ciymca.org).

Sincerely,

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